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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 30, 1994

Re: Billed Party Preference
CC Docket No. 92-77

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to you as a concerned young minority businesswoman on the matter of "Billed Party Preference", (BPP).

I, and my 90 employees, are against BPP due to the devastating effect it will have on the private inmate telephone industry.

By now you have received, and hopefully read, the volumes of letters from law enforcement and correctional officials from throughout the country also opposing the implementation of BPP.

In light of the two recent overturning of FCC rulings and the current Administration's professed support of the aims of law enforcement and crime reduction, I would strongly suggest that the FCC heed the advice of these law enforcement officials on the matter of BPP.

With the success of the passage of the new crime bill, let us not regress to allowing more crimes to be committed while inmates are behind bars. Passing BPP will put witnesses and correctional personnel at risk from inmate harassment. No proponent of BPP can tell you specifically how BPP will prevent this harassment as effectively as current inmate phone providers do.

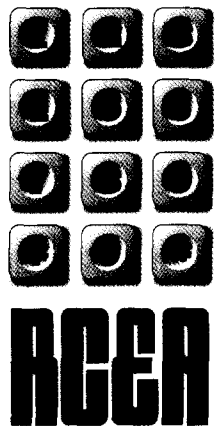
Recently, our phone system helped catch an escaped felon. Will BPP enable this to continue? No it will not. It cannot because it will be a hodge podge of disrelated providers and the specialized security required for inmate calling will be treated identically to calling requirements of the general public.

The kind of sophisticated service we provide has evolved from competition and protects the general public. The FCC has correctly acknowledged this fact in earlier decisions. Don't send correctional phone systems back 10 years by eliminating the industry that has made it safer for inmates to have phone use while incarcerated.

Sincerely,

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